



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

<b>2013 Wisconsin Act 226</b> [2013 Senate Bill 245]	<b>Public Assistance Program Changes</b>
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2013 Wisconsin Act 226, relating to applications for public assistance programs, offenses in public assistance programs, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty, moves provisions relating to fraud in Medical Assistance (MA), Wisconsin Works (W-2), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or FoodShare), and general public assistance programs from ch. 49, Stats., to ch. 946, Stats. (crimes against government and its administration).

The Act also provides that the Department of Justice or a district attorney is authorized to prosecute violations of criminal laws affecting any public assistance program. Under current law, they may only prosecute criminal law violations affecting MA.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.